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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CONFERENCE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT MASAYUKI NAGARE, SCULPTOR, IS AMONG THOSE WHOM NATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER WOULD LIKE TO INVITE TO 9TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SCULPTOR CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 31 - APRIL 3, 1976. SINCE FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE, CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS HAVE REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING GRANT TO NAGARE.

2. THIS MARKS FIRST TIME SINCE INITIAL MEETING IN 1960 CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD OFF CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS IN LAWRENCE, HEADQUARTERS OF NATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER. IT NORMALLY RUNS FOR THREE DAYS, DRAWING PARTICIPANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. PROGRAM INCLUDES PRESENTATIONS BY SCULPTORS DISCUSSING THEIR WORK, DEMONSTRATING TECHNIQUES, OR SHOWING MAQUETTES OF PROJECTS IN PROCESS. MUSEUM DIRECTORS, ARCHITECTS, EDUCATORS, CRITICS AND AUTHORS CONTRIBUTE WITH ILLUSTRATED TALKS OR BY PARTICIPATING IN ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDUSTRY

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EXPLAIN NEW MATERIALS AND PROCESSES AND THERE ARE

CONSULTATION SESSIONS WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTS. IN PAST, LUMINARIES SUCH AS ROCKNE KREBS AND ISAMU NOGUCHI PERSONALLY DISCUSSED THEIR OWN WORKS AT CONFERENCE. OTHER

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS HAVE INCLUDED SEYMOUR LIPTON, RICHARD STANKIEWICZ, PETER VOULKOS, JULIUS SCHMIDT, ROBERT MALLARY, FRANK GALLO, WILLIAM KIND, JASON SELEY, PAOLO SOLERI, BEN GOO & GINO LORCINI.

3. INITIAL 1960 CONFERENCE SYNTHESIZED AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR FIRST TIME RESEARCH ON BRONZE CASTING, AND IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS PRIME INSTIGATOR OF RECENT RETURN OF ART-FOUNDRY TECHNOLOGY TO SCULPTURE. SEVEN SUBSEQUENT BIENNIAL CONFERENCES HAVE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE AESTHETICS AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS (EDUCATION, EXHIBITIONS, COMMISSIONS) AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGY.

4. THEME OF 1976 CONFERENCE WILL BE: "MONUMENTAL SCULPTURE TODAY". CONFERENCE WILL ALSO HONOR THE MASTER-SCULPTORS OF AMERICA, MANY OF WHOM ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND NEW ORLEANS BICENTENNIAL EVENT.

5. POST MAY WISH PROVIDE FULL IV GRANT TO MEMBER TARGET AUDIENCE AND COMBINE U.S. PROGRAM WITH NEW ORLEANS CONFERENCE. PLS ADVISE. KISSINGER

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